GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2426
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COLLAPSE OF SIXTH UNIT OF KOTA THERMAL POWER STATION
RAGHUVIR SINGH KAUSHAL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sixth unit of Kota Thermal Power Station, Kota, Rajasthan collapseand ceased to function causing heavy loss of life and property;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial participation of the Government in the said power generation unit along with the support of the Government in compensating for the loss; and

(d) the names of the officials of the Central and State Governments under whosesupervision the construction of the said unit was going on and who were responsible for faults?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The sixth unit (195 MW) of Kota Thermal Power Station contains six coabunkers, out of which four collapsed on 25.09.2003. As a result, generation from the unit stopped. In the accident, four workers of M/s. Dowel Engineers Company, Chennai (Sub-contractor of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) died. The details of the loss suffered are yet to be finalized and assessed.

(c) : The total expenditure booked for the construction of the unit is Rs.500.00 Crores (Approx.) out of which the State Government has provided Rs.190.00 crores as equity. The State Government has paid compensation of Rs.1.00 lakh to each to the nextkin of the four workers died in the accident.

(d) : The work of fabrication and erection was carried out by M/s. Larsen & Toubro as the contractor of RVUNL and the installation of other equipment such as coal mills etc. was carried out by BHEL with the supervision of RVUNL DepartmentaEngineers under Chief Engineer (KTPS).